

Portland Harbor Community Advisory Group (CAG)  
Minutes of January 14, 2004 (Approved)

Minutes by Dorothy Shoemaker

**Present at meeting:**

**Neighborhood Associations**

Robin Plance (b) (6) St. Johns  
Chair, Administrative committee  
coordinator

Peter Laughingwolf (b) (6) Cathedral Park (*Please note  
correction*)

Cathy Crawford (b) (6) University Park

**Business**

Rob DeGraff (b) (6) (*please note correction from  
previous minutes*)

Steve Gunther (b) (6) Progressive Products and Services

**Environment**

Dorothy Shoemaker (b) (6) Sierra Club  
Evaluation committee coordinator, Board Secretary

Rhett Lawrence [rhett@ospirg.org](mailto:rhett@ospirg.org) OSPIRG

**Health:**

Jane Harris [jane@oregon-health.org](mailto:jane@oregon-health.org) OCEH

**Recreation:**

Bill Barrett (b) (6) Waterfront Org. of Oregon (*Please  
Note correction from previous minutes*)

**At-Large**

Jim Robison (b) (6)

Jackie Calder (b) (6)

Joe Keating (b) (6) Education and Outreach coordinator

**Excused Absences:**

**Neighborhood Associations:**

Larry Talbert (b) (6) Hi Noon

**Environment:**

Travis Williams [travis@willamette-riverkeeper.org](mailto:travis@willamette-riverkeeper.org) Willamette Riverkeeper

**Recreation:**

Raquel Coyote (b) (6) Citizen

**Other Participants:**

(b) (6)		(b) (6)
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(b) (6)		
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(b) (6)	Citizen	(b) (6)

6:10 PM – 7:55 PM, January 14, 2004

Meeting brought to order by Robin Plance, chair.

Next meeting set for February 11, 2004, same location, 6 to 8 PM.

Introduction.

CAG members, along with a few guests including Senator Margaret Carter, toured the Port of Portland Terminal 4. The location will be cleaned up as a hotspot in an early action. The next Port tour is Feb. 21, 2004, at 10 AM. Contact Sue Safford at [saffos@portptld.com](mailto:saffos@portptld.com).

The agenda was approved by agreement.

Robin thanked Raquel, who didn't attend the meeting, for hosting the CAG holiday party.

MOTION: The December CAG meeting minutes were approved. Joe moved, Rhett seconded. All agreed. It is noted that the attendance list will be constructed after the signup sheet is located.

## EDUCATION AND OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Joe is still thinking about having a press conference, but feels it is not quite the right time. He wants to wait until we have more news, and more that we want to present.

Jane suggested we have one when the fish sampling data comes out. Fish data is mostly expected to come in March.

Robin talked about materials we need: a handout to give potential supporters; and a handout for new members,

Steve and Rhett discussed asking a reporter at the Oregonian to cover the Portland Harbor issue more often, like once a month.

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Barbara will mail us a CD of the new Field Sampling Plan (FSP). It brings the sampling planned for Rounds 2B, CA, CB, etc. into plans for Round 2..

## ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

Barbara emailed a list of accomplishments for the Portland Harbor to Steve Gunther. Steve was asked, and agreed, to email the list to the CAG membership.

Dorothy set up a separate file cabinet for the CAG in her home office. She will be buying a new computer, due to the death of her current one,. She will also be buying non-educational software for developing the CAG website. If you can help with either expense, please let Robin or Dorothy know.

Dorothy agreed, when asked by Steve and others, to synthesize the annual reports which have been written by Robin Plance, the City of Portland, the EPA, and the LWG.

The Portland Development Commission report was mentioned. *(ADDED AT Feb. Mtg):* We'd like to have the PDC make a presentation to the CAG at some future meeting. *(END ADDED SECTION.)*

Robin announced the first Harbor Oil CAG meeting at 6:00 on January 29 at the Kenton Fire House.

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SPEAKER: Sebastian Degens of the Port of Portland

Sebastian discussed soda ash and dust complaints about Kinder Morgan. The Port is the owner of the land there, and the Port expects Kinder Morgan to clean it up. There is dust around the railyard.

Jane Harris and (b) (6) were very concerned about what Jerry saw as an employee of the Port. (b) (6) was a longshoreman. On October 18, 2003, he saw a large amount of soda ash there, and took pictures.

Sebastian was asked if the Port does surprise inspection. He said “no”.

The railyard was built in the 40s or 50s, and is hard to clean. They could build a new railyard.

Wash-down water on the dock is caught and treated, according to Sebastian. Other water runs into the river.

Steve wanted to know if we could see the lease wording. Sebastian said “yes”, we could see the wording for the new tenant.

Jim talked about the value of surprise inspections.

Jerry said they used to tent ships to prevent dust from spreading.

The EPA is investigating a potash spill.

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#### ELECTIONS

Robin called for elections of officers, as it was not done in the fall of 2003.

MOTION: Robin Plance stays as Chair of CAG. Moved by Jim Robison, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joe. All agreed.

MOTION: Dorothy Shoemaker continues as Board Secretary of CAG. Moved by Joe, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Steve. All agreed.

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#### PHCAG Presentations:

February	T4 Early Action Updates, Anne and Sean
March	Fish Data, Dave Stone
April	City of Portland/River Renaissance Work Plan Update
May	Tribes
June	TMDL/DEQ

The CAG decided to have a retreat in March, just for CAG members. We’ll spend a Saturday setting goals and making a work plan for ourselves.

Katie of the National Environmental Trust introduced herself. She is trying to get polluter pays reinstated. She will talk to Joe.

Meeting adjourned 7:55 PM.